

meeting. I was proud to tell those brave souls that America stands with them in their struggle for liberty because we believe in the universality of liberty. I personally believe that freedom is a gift from an Almighty to every man, woman, and child on the face of the Earth.

I looked out in that audience, and I saw men and women who believe in the power of freedom to transform their countries and to remake the world. And I saw that those who live in tyranny and yearn for freedom still place their hopes in the United States of America.

For the past 6½ years, it's been a privilege to be the President of such a good and decent nation that inspires and holds out hope for people all across the world. It's an awesome experience and a humbling experience to hold a powerful office like President. That brings with it the great honor of being the Commander in Chief of the finest military the world has ever known. Because of the service of our military men and women, because our Nation has got a military full of the bravest and most decent people that I've ever met, America remains a beacon of hope for all around the world; America remains the place where peace has the best chance to be encouraged. We're doing the hard work now so generations of American kids can grow up in peace. It's necessary work; it's important work; and I thank you for your sacrifices.

May God bless you, and may God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:21 a.m. in the West Virginia Air National Guard 167th Airlift Wing C-5 Maintenance Hangar. In his remarks, he referred to Maj. Gen. Allen E. Tackett, USA, Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard.

Memorandum on Transfer of Funds From Prior Year Independent States Account to the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Account To Support the Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative

July 5, 2007

Presidential Determination No. 2007-25

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Transfer of Funds from Prior Year Independent States Account to the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Account to Support the Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 610 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act"), I hereby determine that it is necessary for the purposes of that Act that \$1.8 million in prior year Independent States funds made available under chapter 11 of part I of the Act be transferred to, and consolidated with, funds made available under chapter 8 of part I of the Act, and such funds are hereby so transferred and consolidated.

You are authorized and directed to report this determination to the Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this memorandum.

Memorandum on Assignment of Certain Functions Relating to Nuclear Energy Facilities

July 3, 2007

Memorandum for the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy

Subject: Assignment of Certain Functions Relating to Nuclear Energy Facilities

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and section 204(b) of the National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6613(b)), the functions of the President under section 127 of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-188) (42 U.S.C. 247d-6b note) are assigned as follows:

(1) the function of making a determination under subsection 127(f) of Public Law 107-188 is assigned to the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

(2) the functions of the President under section 127 of Public Law 107-188 other than that assigned under subsection 127(f) are assigned to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

In the performance of such functions the Chairman and the Director should consult each other and the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Energy, and Homeland Security, as appropriate.

The Director is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 6, and it will be published in the *Federal Register* on July 10.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 30

In the morning, at the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had briefings on the attempted terrorist attacks in London, England, and Glasgow, Scotland.

July 1

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social dinner for President Putin.

July 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a social luncheon for President Vladimir Putin of Russia. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area impacted by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 26 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on June 19.

July 3

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, President Jalal Talabani, and Vice Presidents Adil Abd Al-Mahdi and Tariq al-Hashimi of Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center where